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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on October 15, 2003, Applicants hereby submit a copy of a European Search Report that was mailed on December 23, 2004, with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. EP 03 01 5423.1, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) International Publication No. WO 02/29159, which was cited as a category "X" document (particularly relevant in itself) with regard to claims 1-4 and 9-11 of the European Application, with particular reference being made to column 5 lines 11-15;

- (2) International Publication No. WO 03/050352, which was cited as a category "X" document and as a category "P" document (intermediate document) with regard to claims 1-4, 10, and 11 of the European Application, with particular reference being made to the entire document;
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- (4) European Patent Application Publication No. EP 1 467 021, which was cited as a category "E" document with regard to claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 10, and 11 of the European Application, with particular reference being made to the entire document; and
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 6,200,424, which was cited as a category "A" document (technological background) with regard to claims 6 and 12 of the European Application, with particular reference being made to the entire document.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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